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ROAD ACTIVITY
CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
KRATIE PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS VEHICULAR TRACK ACTIVITY AND EVIDENCE OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY ADJACENT TO THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. (FOR RELATED ACTIVITY SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS L-1836, L-1860, AND L-2201).

2. LOCATION:

THE ACTIVITY PORTRAYED ON THIS BRIEFING BOARD IS LOCATED IN NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIA'S KRATIE PROVINCE, IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF CAMBODIAN ROUTE 14 ADJACENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. BACKGROUND/COLLATERAL:

THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE LONG MADE USE OF CAMBODIAN TERRITORY AS A SANCTUARY, AND HAVE OBTAINED KEY SUPPLIES SUCH AS RADIOS, PHARMACEUTICALS, AND CHEMICALS, MOST OF THEM PROBABLY IN SMALL QUANTITIES. HOWEVER, CAMBODIAN TERRITORY NOW SEEMS TO BE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT OF MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND AS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOOD SUPPLIES. SPECIFICALLY, THE SUPPLIES TRANSPORTED TO THE VIET CONG REGIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM FROM CAMBODIA CONSIST OF RICE, SALTED AND DRIED FISH, SALT, AND IN SOME

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INSTANCES, SULPHUR COMPOUND FOR USE IN LAND-MINES AND AMMUNITION.

TRANSPORTATION OF RICE HAS BEEN SEEN ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 14 WHICH RUNS SOUTHEAST FROM KRATIE (1230N 10601E) TO THE BORDER OF QUANG DUC AND PHUOC LONG PROVINCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS ROUTE AND ITS CONNECTIONS TO ROUTE 110 PROVIDE A DRY-SEASON TRUCKABLE ROUTE ALL THE WAY FROM NORTH VIETNAM INTO IMPORTANT SOUTHERN PROVINCES SUCH AS TAY NINH.

NEW INFILTRATION ROUTES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM TRANSIT NORTHERN CAMBODIA. SUPPLIES ARE MOVED TO THE SOUTH ALONG ROUTES 19, 14, 13, 22, 1, 2, AND 17. THESE ROUTES PROVIDE ACCESS FROM CAMBODIAN MARKETS WHERE VC CADRES AND PURCHASING AGENTS CAN OBTAIN SUCH SUPPLIES AS NECESSARY. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT UPON APPROACHING THE BORDER THE VC TRANSPORTING THESE SUPPLIES FAN OUT ONTO THE COMPLEX OF TRAILS AND CROSS THE BORDER PORTAGING THEIR INFILTRATION LOADS. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CROSS-BORDER HIGHWAY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CAMBODIAN AND COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED LAOTIAN ROAD NETS WAS CONFIRMED BY AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF FEBRUARY 1966. THIS EXTENSION OF THE LAOTIAN INFILTRATION COMPLEX FURTHER EXPANDS THE INFILTRATION CAPABILITY INTO SOUTH VIETNAM VIA CAMBODIA, AND OPENS INTERNAL CAMBODIA FOR VC/NVA/PL LOGISTIC EXPLOITATION.

CONTINUING PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE HAS INDICATED THE DEVELOP-

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MENT OF AN INFILTRATION NETWORK ALONG THE DAK HUYT (RIVER), FROM NEAR ROUTE 14 IN CAMBODIA INTO PHUOC LONG AND QUANG DUC PROVINCES, SOUTH VIETNAM. CABLE CROSSINGS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED ALONG THE RIVER BORDER, INDICATING THAT PONTOON BRIDGES MAY NOW CONNECT THE CAMBODIAN SIDE OF THE RIVER WITH SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. MISSION READOUT:

TROJAN HORSE

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WITH A CONCEALED ENTRANCE, A SECURITY CHECKPOINT, AND FIVE BUILDINGS AT 1208N 10655E ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND SOUTHEAST FROM ROUTE 14 AT UTM YU077412 TO UTM YU152375, 0.5 NM FROM THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. AT THIS POINT THE ROAD BECOMES A WELL-USED TRAIL THAT EXTENDS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM AND TERMINATES AT UTM YU158364. [REDACTED]

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SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY, CONSISTING OF ROW CROP AGRICULTURE AND FOUR CONCEALED BUILDINGS, IS OBSERVED AT 1206N 10657E (UTM YU422386). ROW CROPPING AND SEVEN CONCEALED BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED AT 1206N 10658E (UTM YU148377). [REDACTED]

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ADDITIONAL PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED WIDELY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE AREA, BUT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE ROAD.

TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED], REVEALS NO DISCERNIBLE

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ACTIVITY IN THIS BORDER AREA. [REDACTED]

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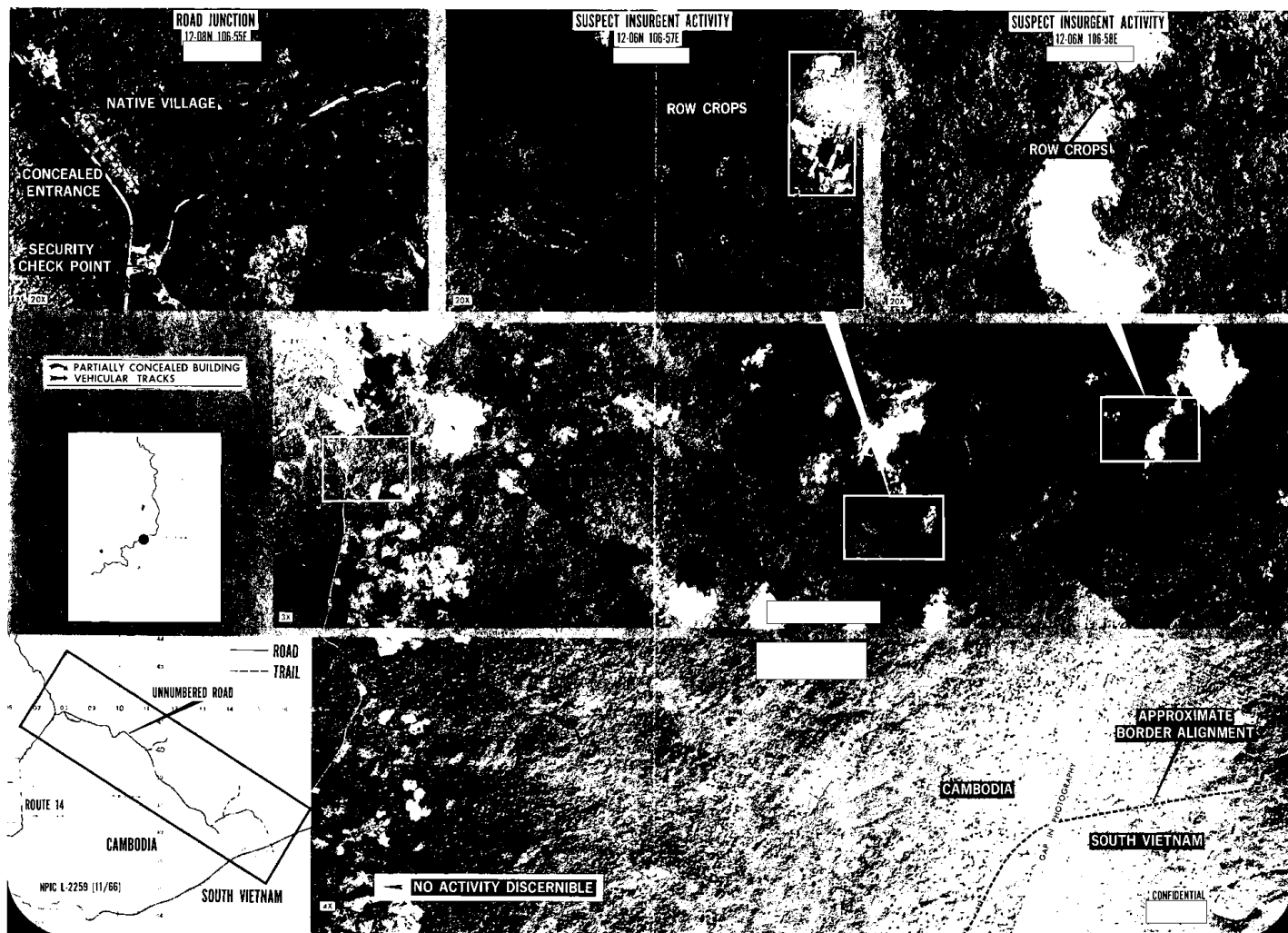
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